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SUBJECT: IMCO: 9TH SESSION OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON
STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING,
13-17 DEC. 1976

1. SUMMARY - ALL AGENDA ITEMS WERE ADDRESSED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JOINT IMCO/ILO COMMITTEE ON TRAINING FOR CONSIDERATION. OF SIGNIFICANCE WAS APPROVAL OF A DEFINITION FOR DESIGNATED-NEAR COASTAL WATERS IN THE ANNEX TO THE DRAFT CONVENTION. OTHER PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE WERE RECOMMENDATION ON TRAINING OF SEAFARERS IN PERSONAL SURVIVAL TECHNIQUE, MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY IN SURVIVAL CRAFT, AND REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE RADIO DEPARTMENT. FIFTH SESSION OF JOINT IMCO/ILO COMMITTEE ON TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR 13-17 JUNE 1977. END SUMMARY.

2. THE AGENDA WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGE.

3. DRAFT CONVENTION ON MARITIME CREW TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION. DRAFT TEXT WAS APPROVED AND REFERRED TO JOINT IMCO/ILO COMMITTEE ON TRAINING FOR CONSIDERATION. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IS DEFINITION FOR DESIGNATED-
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NEAR COASTAL WATERS. THE DEFINITION IS AS FOLLOWS.
QUOTE: DESIGNATED-NEAR COASTAL WATERS MEANS WATERS IN THE VICINITY OF THE FLAG STATE, WHICH MAY INCLUDE WATERS IN THE VICINITY OF NEIGHBORING STATES, FALLING WITHIN LIMITS DESIGNATED BY THE FLAG STATE. UNQUOTE. THERE WAS LITTLE SUPPORT FOR ANY SPECIFIED DISTANCE SEAWARD FROM

THE COAST OR INCLUDING WATERS WHICH ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY REMOTE FROM THE FLAG STATE.

4. TRAINING OF SEAFARERS IN PERSONAL SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES. THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION STATES SUCH TRAINING SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROSPECTIVE SEAFARERS BEFORE BEING EMPLOYED ON A SEA-GOING SHIP. THIS POSITION IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH PRESENT US POLICY.

5. MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF EFFICIENCY IN SURVIVAL CRAFT. CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY MAY BE ISSUED TO SEAFARERS NOT LESS THAN 17 AND ONE HALF YEARS OF AGE HAVING APPROVED SEA SERVICE OF NOT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS OR HAVE ATTENDED AN APPROVED TRAINING COURSE AND HAVE APPROVED SEA-GOING SERVICE OF NOT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS. DRAFT IS BASICALLY CONSISTENT WITH US REGULATIONS.

6. REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE RADIO DEPARTMENT WAS ACCEPTED IN A FORM CONSISTENT WITH THE US POSITION AND DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH EXISTING US POSITION.

7. OTHER BUSINESS. THE JOINT IMCO/ILO COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IS SCHEDULED TO MEET 13-17 JUNE 1977. THE 10TH SESSION OF THE STW/SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE HELD 28 NOV. TO 2 DEC. 1977. SPIERS

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